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Member Chapter

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July 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday July 10th 2008

Open for Library & Visiting: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Salem Senior Center (Lunch Room)
1055 Erixon Ct. NE, Salem, OR 97301
(503) 588-6303.

A map of this location is on our website

Note: If the Salem-Keizer schools are closed on the day of the meeting due to inclement weather, then the Senior Center will also be closed and the meeting will be canceled. When in doubt, call the Senior Center at the above number before 4:00 p.m. to verify if they will be open that evening. Alternatively, check online at [http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer Sch Dist/](http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/)

The President's Chatter



I want to clear up any confusion about the picnic. In recent years we have had a potluck picnic just as a social event and not associated with any other club event. This year there will be a slight change, we are repeating an event that was held several times in the early years of the club. On August 16 we will gather for a combined picnic and club centered work party. Significant others and guests are invited. As a precursor to the work party, on Saturday, June 28, ten members of the club drove to Coos Bay and liberated some turning wood that was residual from a logging operation. Individuals gathered wood for personal use but also collected logs for the club that will be processed at the club picnic. Individuals participating in the work party will be invited to carry home some of the fruits of their labors

in the form of turning blanks. We will gather at the home of Jack and Margaret Knight. There is an announcement elsewhere in this newsletter requesting some volunteers to help with the potluck. On that day we will gather in the morning and process the logs that were collected and then retreat to the picnic tables to enjoy the feast. If you don't find an abundance of turning wood, fun and food at this event you didn't look very hard. More details will be available in the August newsletter, plus information will be sent to those who sign-up for the picnic. Look for the sign-up sheets at the July meeting.

There will be a change in our place of meeting. The Senior Center as we know it will close August 15 and reopen at a new location October 6. We will hold our July and August meetings in the current Senior Center. The September meeting will be a visitation to the Northwest Woodturners on September 4. Their guest demonstrator will be Molly Winton, a well known turners and pyrographer from Washington. Details on the visitation will be in the August Newsletter. We will resume our regular meeting schedule on October 9 at the new Salem Senior Center to be called Center 50+ t 2615 Portland Rd., Salem, OR.

In March 2008, we made available a club photo roster, already there are changes. Addendum 1 will be available at the July meeting, it includes 10 new members and contact changes for 6 other members. Pick up your copy at the information table at the July meeting. Several members have not yet picked up their yellow name tags. If you are on that short list your name tag and a copy of the photo roster (and addendum) will be available at the information table.

Check out the club's new business cards at the information table. These will be distributed at our turning demos and other opportunities to raise club visibility.

Join me in wishing member Bob Quadros a speedy recovery from knee(s) surgery scheduled for July 11.

Keep the chips flying.

Walt Thies

President

Willamette Valley Woodturners

Current & Upcoming Events



July Meeting

Jim McCallister: Demonstrating the Rose Engine lathe he built.

Jim graduated from the University of Oregon in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree specializing in wood block printing. After school he moved to Portland and got a job in a prehung door plant and continued to do his artwork. Over the years Jim had lathes in his shops but really didn't use them very much. Then about 1988 he checked out a book by Richard Raffan and was introduced to what can be done on a lathe. Jim then started to do a lot more with his lathes and joined the cascade Woodturners. In about 2002 Jim started

Turnings in Wood and had 6 galleries showing his work. In 2004 he also started James McAllister Remodeling. He found that while enjoying his woodturning business, the income from the sale of his work did not generate what you would call a living wage. Jim now generates income from his remodeling company and sells turnings on the side. He has tried his hand at wood sculpture, wood block printing, instrument making, boat building, furniture design, cabinet making and woodturning. Jim states that while all these different aspects of woodworking have their points, there is nothing that can compare with the thrill of taking a piece from the raw log to a finished turning. While this can be done with the other forms of woodworking, the immediacy of the process in woodturning is special. After the AAW meeting in Portland last year he decided to try to build one of the MDF rose engine lathes, and after a few months of tinkering was able to start playing with it to see what it could do. Jim says, "I will show you what I have learned so far."

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Upcoming Meetings

August: Rudy Rodolph Turning alternative materials

September: Visit to Northwest Woodturners

October: Bill McCoy Christmas ornaments

November: Ken Spaur Details to come

Sawdust Session News



From Nick Stagg

Bonnie Klein is available for a two day box making class in my shop in October.

For those of you who don't know Bonnie, she's famous for her threaded boxes and her highly decorated spinning tops. She also has her own Mini Lathe and accessories, including her threading jig, which she designed.

She's a wonderful teacher and a talented turner and her time is limited between other teaching commitments, so we need to let her know as soon as possible if we can make up a class of six people.

Her fee \$650 per day plus travel expenses, I added \$200 for travel and that makes the class cost \$250 per student for the two days.

If you're a box maker, or would like to make boxes, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Nick Stagg

You can contact me at

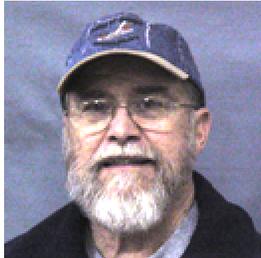
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Club News & Benefits



Our Member of the Month is Richard Pucillo



The Willamette Valley Woodturners functions by way of volunteers doing what is necessary to provide education to the members and make the club run smoothly. In April several of the club members expressed difficulty seeing the monitors. Without further discussion or assignment, Richard Pucillio built and brought to the May meeting a riser that put a monitor high enough for all to see. In June he showed up with a second one. Our club has functioned

best when a member sees a way to fill a need or fix a problem and then just does it. Richard has provided many examples of that spirit of volunteerism and helping that is the heart of a good club.

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Coos Bay Wood Gathering

We had a productive trip down to Coos Bay for our Wood Gathering outing. Several logs of myrtlewood were hauled back by Myron and Walt and dropped off at Jack Knight's for the picnic wood butchering. In addition to the myrtle we have some maple burl, as well.

Others that came were able to cut some for there own use, too.

I'd like to thank everyone that came and contributed, it made the day much easier because of your efforts.

We had a very generous host, Don Fisher, who spent all day with his tractor and log tongs making sure we kept busy! Don has a large piece of property and a portion was logged off last year. The wood we brought home was left on the landing for us to sort through. We were encouraged to come back and cut some green wood next time, and there's plenty to cut. Our intent is to do that, but no date has been set yet.

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Craft Supplies USA supplies our club with gift certificates to use as the Board determines.

They also offer individual member and club discounts as follows:

All club members can take advantage of a 10% discount on all abrasives discs and finishes by using the following source code when ordering online or on the phone. Source Code- CLUBMEM. It is the responsibility of the club member to enter or mention this source code when ordering as our representatives do not ask for it in the process of taking an order. Please make mention of this club member discount and accompanying source code

in your upcoming newsletter and club meeting so that members don't miss out on this opportunity.

Club Orders- Club orders receive a 13% discount off our published prices. In addition, we cover the shipping charges for club orders. This does not apply to items that require additional shipping charges such as lathes, grinders, etc. Orders must be at least \$1,000.00, be shipped to a single location and have a single method of payment.

Visit www.woodturnerscatalog.com or call 1-800-551-8876 to order or sign up for news and other benefits.

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We hear that Wes Coffelt 408-726-1994 (cell) has various kinds of woods from tree trimming that might be of interest to the woodturner. He lives in South Salem. Wes is not a club member.

Oregon State Fair



The State Fair is rapidly approaching so now is the time to start thinking about the days and shifts you can help out. We will be working the last 6 days of the fair starting on Aug 27 and ending on Sep 1. It is going to be different this year as we are going to have our own booth, with that in mind we are going to be working 3 1/2 hour shifts and you will be able to turn anything you like as long as it will fit on a mini lathe. We will have 4 mini lathes and we need 6 people per shift for breaks and talking to the public, you will need to bring your own tools, wood and anything else to complete your project. Shift hours are as follows

10:00AM-1:30PM

1:30PM-5:00PM

5:00PM-8:00PM

There will be a sign-up sheet at the July and August meetings with the dates and times, if you can't be at the meetings just call Rick Harris or Bob Hutchinson and we will make sure you get a spot or 2 or 3 whatever you want. Thanks in advance for your help we have always had a good turnout and we should this year.

Lastly please make at least one item for the turning contest, there are a lot of different categories so lets do something different this year by entering them all. For information call Neva Hutchinson or go to the following link for the rules and entry form: <http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/files/State%20Fair%2008%20WEB.pdf>

Or, go to our web site, then to Announcements and click on the link that says, "Click here".

The Club Picnic



At the June meeting we had responses to the WVV potluck-picnic indicating that 37 plan to come, we can expect more as others who were not at the June meeting learn of the event and sign-up. There were 17 who indicated they would help with cutting up the logs.

More information will be sent closer to August 16, the date of the picnic. The club will purchase, burgers, drinks, plastic ware, and condiments.

We need volunteers to help with the following:

1. We will need two -BQ grills to adequately burn the number of hamburgers we will need to cook.
2. Someone to pick-up and ice-down drinks. If you don't have ice chests Nick Stagg has some you can borrow.
3. Someone to pickup plastic ware and condiments (also perhaps cut-up tomatoes and onions).

Thanks in advance to those who can help out.

New Members



Welcome to our new member.

His name is Elling Hoem and he lives in Salem with his wife Connie. His address is 3308 Hidden Valley Dr NW, Salem, Or 97304. Phone number at home is (503)3621-9420, Alt Phone (503)362-3855. E-mail address is ellinghoem@comcast.net. He has been turning for 8 years and likes to turn bowls, platters, and gavels.

Mentors



Whether you are a new turner or have been turning for a long time, there is always something new to learn. If you need help on any skill, please call one of our volunteer mentors. This service is free to our members. If you can contribute additional skill areas contact Walt and have your name added to the list.

Corvallis

JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies mushrooms	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments,

Eugene

Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
Independence		

Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
<u>Jefferson</u>		
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
<u>McMinnville</u>		
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
<u>Mill City</u>		
Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
<u>Salem</u>		
Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning

Club Library



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

All members are welcome to check out up to three items at a time from the club library. This includes any combination of books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. Items should only be kept out for one month. If you can't read or watch them in that time, please bring them back so someone else can take a turn. You can then check them out again later. Thanks for your cooperation!

An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.

WWW Board Announcements



The Board will meet in July



Officer Reports



Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



June 2008

Beginning Balance	\$5181.10
June Income	
Dues	20.00
Glue/Anchor Seal	45.00
Raffle	84.00
Doug Smith Tool Rest	20.00
Total June Income	\$ 169.00
Expenses	
Senior Center Building	
Rent	570.00
Total Expenses	\$ 570.00
Ending Balance	\$4780.10

The Secretary's Shavings

By Neva Hutchinson



June Meeting Minutes

There were 41 people present...including 1 new member

Pledge of allegiance

Introduction of New Members

Introduction of Visitors

Nick Stagg was our presenter. His purpose was to teach how to prevent catches. First he talked about the need to sharpen almost all new gouges when they are acquired.

Roughing Gouge – sharpened to 40 ° used for spindles only. He demonstrated with a 1-½ inch gouge. This gouge is too large for making bowls because of the large cutting surface.

Spindle Gouge – Nick demonstrated a cove cut on a spindle. With a spindle gouge you always cut from high to low. Working from low to high will allow for catches in the wood. If you have skips remember to go back in and remove the spirals to allow a smooth cutting surface. Otherwise, your gouge will follow the spirals and continue to cut deeper.

End grains – Catches come from being extended too far over the rest.

Bowl Gouge – When using a bowl gouge, take the inside of the bowl down in stages. If you try to cut too deeply on the long edge of the bowl, you will catch. You want your cut at about 45 °.

Walt reminded the members that there are two turning events this summer, one at the Steam Up and one at the Oregon State Fair. Also, there is an opportunity to get hardwoods from a landholder on the coast. We will be meeting on June 28th at 10:00 am at the Fred Meyer on highway 101 at the south end of Coos Bay. Contact Walt for questions.

Break at 7:40-Resumed at 7:50

During the break it was suggested that the club should help with the cost of gas and diesel for the members that go to Coos Bay to pick up wood. The wood will be for the benefit of the entire membership. Members present voted to reimburse the drivers for the cost of their fuel.

Nick then continued his presentation:

Scraper – must be smaller than the radius that you intend to cut. You can't cut two directions at the same time. It will catch in the bottom. The end of the scraper is not 90 ° to the sides, which allows for scraping the sides then changing the angle slightly and then scraping the bottom.

